KNIGHT TERRORS: ZATANNA™

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HAWKGIRL

ON HER OWN...
IN METROPOLIS...
SOARING TO
NEW HEIGHTS!

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FORGING THE FUTURE
ONE HERO AT A TIME

THE TERRIFIC TOWER.

WHATEVER'S PUT THE WHOLE WORLD TO SLEEP IS BEYOND SCIENCE, **RED TORNADO.** NOTHING SEEMS TO WAKE THEM.

CONTINUE TO MONITOR THE RESCUED, *L-RON,* WHILE I COORDINATE THE OTHER ROBOTIC HEROES ON THE *JLA.I. NETWORK.* TORNADO OUT.

MOST OF THE IMMEDIATE EMERGENCIES CAUSED BY THE UNCONSCIOUS ARE NOW CONTAINED, BUT THE WORLD WON'T SURVIVE LIKE THIS FOR VERY--

ZATANNA TO SKZZZ-- TORNADO!

SKZZZZ-- UNDER A--SKZZZ REPEAT! WE'RE SKZZZ--

YOU'RE BREAKING UP. WE SEEM TO BE HAVING SOME SORT OF--

--INTERFERENCE.

IT'S WORSE THAN THAT.

WHAT ARE YOU?! *NOOOOOOOO!*

SKZZZZZ COME IN, RED TORNADO, WE'RE...

BENEATH THE HALL OF JUSTICE.

HEX AND VIOLENCE!

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UNDER ATTACK!

YOU HAVE NO ALLIES.

THE SLEEPLESS KNIGHTS ARE EVERYWHERE!

CONNECTION'S GONE. MAYBE RED TORNADO TOO.

OUR OLD ENEMY, **DR. DESTINY**, WAS FOUND MURDERED IN THE **JUSTICE LEAGUE HEADQUARTERS** UP ABOVE.

KILLED BY OUR NEW ENEMY...

...INSOMNIA.

HE PULLED THE WHOLE WORLD INTO THEIR NIGHTMARES, INCLUDING **WONDER WOMAN** AND **DETECTIVE CHIMP.**

I BARELY MANAGED AN INCANTATION TO KEEP MYSELF AWAKE.*

*AS SEEN IN **KNIGHT TERRORS: FIRST BLOOD!** --BEN

I CAME DOWN TO THE **JUSTICE LEAGUE DARK ARCHIVES** TO FIND A SPELL TO WAKE EVERYONE.

BUT I FOUND THESE TWO INSTEAD, LOOKING FOR **SOMETHING.**

UGHNN!

GONNA SKIN YOU ALL ALIVE!

HOLD, SIR MORBID.

BAH. YOU ALWAYS RUIN MY FUN, IRON MAIDEN.

SHE'S COMING.

BEHOLD...

...OUR SLEEPLESS QUEEN.

GIVE US THE NIGHTMARE STONE AND I SHALL GRANT YOUR SLUMBERING ALLIES A QUICK DEATH, WORD-WITCH.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT, BUT YOU WON'T BE KILLING ANYONE TODAY, FAST OR SLOW!

HER WORDS RING TRUE, QUEEN. SHE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF THE STONE.

THEN CAN I SKIN HER?

NO, SHE STILL HAS HER USES, BUT YOU MAY NOW KILL HER SLEEPING ALLIES.

NOT GOOD.

I'M **OUTNUMBERED.** MAYBE **OUTPOWERED** TOO.

I NEED **HELP.** BUT EVERYONE IS EITHER KNOCKED OUT OR TRYING TO KEEP THE WORLD FROM COMING UNDONE.

KRAK!

THERE MUST BE **SOMEONE** OUT THERE I CAN **SUMMON.**

SOMEONE AWAKE AND AVAILABLE.

KRAK!

KRAK!

KRAK!

I DON'T LIKE FLYING BLIND WITH MY MAGIC.

BUT MY DEFENSIVE SPELLS WON'T HOLD FOR LONG.

DAMN IT ALL. I HAVE NO OTHER CHOICE.

GNIRB EM A NOIPMAHC!

WHAT THE @#%&?!

UGH. ONE OF THESE GUYS. NOT A FAN.

WHOA, DID WONDER WOMAN AND THAT MONKEY FALL ASLEEP JUST LIKE THE ***DOOM PATROL?***

NO TIME TO EXPLAIN, JUST ***PROTECT THEM!***

UH...I'M USUALLY BETTER AT OFFENSE THAN DEFENSE. YOU SURE YOU DON'T WANT ME TO GO PUNCH THOSE THINGS INSTEAD?

JUST DO WHAT I TOLD YOU, PLEASE! MY MAGIC REQUIRES FOCUS!

ALL RIGHT, GEEZ.

I @#%& HATE MAGIC.

*THIS WAS A MISTAKE. THE DOOM PATROL IS A **DISTRACTION.***

THE ONLY OTHER TIME I'VE ENCOUNTERED A MEMBER OF THAT TEAM, WAS WITH **MENTO** AT THE **SÉANCE** THAT **KILLED MY FATHER.**

HE SAT RIGHT ACROSS FROM ME AS I HELD MY DEAD FATHER'S HAND.

I STILL HAVE NIGHTMARES ABOUT THE DEMENTED LOOK IN HIS EYES.

IF I DIDN'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT DIANA AND BOBO I'D DO THIS BY MY--

WAIT. WE HAVE A ***PLAN*** FOR THIS. WE HAVE A MAGIC ***PANIC ROOM!***

HEY, DOOM PATROL GUY!

IT'S ROBOTMAN OR CLIFF. GAH!

WHATEVER! I NEED YOU TO GRAB A BOOK OFF THAT SHELF. ***MICHELLE REMEMBERS!***

WHAT? I DON'T THINK--

JUST GRAB THE DAMN BOOK, CLIFF!

OKAY! @#%&!

OHHH, I GET IT...

...SECRET PASSAGEWAY!

GET WONDER WOMAN AND DETECTIVE CHIMP DOWN THERE *NOW!*

WHAT ABOUT YOU?

JUST GO!

YOUR MAGIC IS NOTHING COMPARED TO OURS.

AND YOUR TIN-CAN MAN CAN'T SAVE YOU.

SUBMIT AND KNEEL BEFORE YOUR NEW QUEEN.

NO THANKS, I STILL HAVE MORE TRICKS UP MY SLEEVE.

NOGARD SENOB KCATTA!

PARRY

THAT SHOULD BUY SOME TIME.

BUT IT **WON'T** STOP THEM.

NOT BY A LONG SHOT.

"SO HOW THE HELL DO WE GET OUT OF THIS?"

IT'S LITERALLY A *MAZE!*

AN *ENCHANTED* ONE. MEANT TO CONFOUND ANYONE THAT DOESN'T BELONG.

SO DON'T STRAY TOO FAR FROM ME.

IF THIS IS HER BEST, THEN SHE IS FAR FROM WORTHY OF OUR ATTENTION.

REMEMBER YOUR PLACE, KNIGHT! ZATANNA HAS MUCH VALUE TO OUR CAUSE.

I SENSE POWERFUL, DECEPTIVE MAGIC BELOW, MY QUEEN.

THEN I SHALL SEND SOME OF MY OWN.

SO CAN YOU SEND ME BACK HOME NOW?

ONCE MY TEAMMATES ARE ***SECURE,*** I'LL BE MORE THAN HAPPY TO DO THAT, TRUST ME.

LOOK. I KNOW YOU JUSTICE LEAGUERS DON'T CARE ABOUT ***MY PEOPLE,*** BUT I DO. THE DOOM PATROL DOESN'T HAVE A FANCY PANIC ROOM TO PROTECT THEM.

I'VE LOST ***TOO MANY*** OF MY OWN TEAMMATES OVER THE YEARS. TOO MANY PEOPLE I THINK OF AS FAMILY. ***I CAN'T LET ANYONE ELSE*** DOWN.

...

CLIFF.

I'VE LOST...FAMILY TOO. YOU BEING HERE HAS BEEN A ***PAINFUL REMINDER*** OF THAT, BUT IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT.

I'M SORRY. I SHOULDN'T BE ***BLAMING*** YOU FOR IT.

THAT'S OKAY, THERE'S PLENTY OF OTHER THINGS TO BLAME HIM FOR.

NO...

...DOROTHY?! JOSH?!

HOW COULD YOU LET US **DIE,** CLIFF?

NOR MAL ?

I'D STILL BE ALIVE IF I'D NEVER MET YOU.

KATE?! NO! I DIDN'T MEAN FOR--

IGNORE THEM! IT'S JUST DARK MAGIC MESSING WITH YOU. STAY WITH ME!

HE'S NOT THE ONLY ONE WITH **BLOOD** ON HIS HANDS.

FALLEN COLLEAGUES FROM ANOTHER DISASTROUS SÉANCE.

THIS WILL ONLY GET WORSE FROM HERE.

DAMN IT. RUN!

CAREFUL, ROBOTMAN! HER ALLIES **ALWAYS** SEEM TO **DIE** TOO!

NOR MAL ?

THIS IS THE DOOR TO THE PANIC ROOM.

I NEED TO ***CONCENTRATE*** TO UNLOCK IT SO I'LL NEED YOU TO HOLD THEM ALL OFF WHEN THEY GET HERE.

I...I DON'T KNOW IF I HAVE THAT IN ME, ZATANNA. THAT WAS... ***A LOT.***

I CAN'T DO THIS WITHOUT YOU. IT ***ISN'T REALLY*** OUR FRIENDS.

DAMN SURE FEELS LIKE IT.

I KNOW. IT'S ***POWERFUL MAGIC.***

BUT YOU HAVE TO TRUST YOUR HEAD, NOT YOUR HEART, OTHERWISE--

OH, MY LITTLE PICCOLO...

...YOU KNOW SKEPTICS MAKE FOR THE BEST MARKS.

DAMN IT. MY **FATHER.** I KNEW THIS WAS COMING.

BUT IT STILL HURTS.

WHAT NOW?!

WORRY ABOUT THEM. I CAN IGNORE HIM.

I DEFINITELY CAN'T.

DID I EVER TELL YOU HOW MUCH OF A **DISAPPOINTMENT** YOU ARE?

NOT A GOOD MAGICIAN. NOT REALLY.

CERTAINLY **NOT** A GOOD **DAUGHTER.**

NOT EVEN A DECENT PERSON.

I CAN'T DO THIS. I CAN'T DEAL WITH THIS PAIN **YET AGAIN.**

@#%& THIS!

CLANK!

WE BOTH CLEARLY GOT A BUNCH OF ***UNRESOLVED ISSUES,*** BUT I DON'T THINK WE'RE EQUIPPED TO DEAL WITH THEM RIGHT NOW.

SO WHAT IF INSTEAD WE DO THINGS THE OLD-FASHIONED WAY AND DUMP OUR PROBLEMS ON ***EACH OTHER?***

HEH! YOU'RE RIGHT. BEST THING WE CAN DO IS...

...SWITCH PARTNERS!

THANKS FOR THAT, CLIFF.

GOES BOTH WAYS. NOW LET'S GET THAT DAMN DOOR OPEN.

THEY'LL BE *SAFE* HERE UNTIL I CAN FIGURE OUT HOW TO WAKE THEM AND EVERYONE ELSE.

I CAN SEND YOU *HOME* NOW, THOUGH.

WHAT ABOUT THOSE OTHER KNIGHT GUYS?

I CAN HANDLE THEM.

NO WAY. LET'S KICK THEIR ASSES TOGETHER!

HELL YEAH.

THEY DON'T STAND A CHANCE. WE'RE A DREAM TEAM!

ZATANNA AND ROBOT-MAN, A.K.A.: HEX AND--

--VIOLENCE?

NO!

NO ONE ESCAPES MY BLADE!

JOKE'S ON YOU, LADY. I'M JUST A BRAIN IN A ***ROBOT BODY.***

FOOL, YOU'RE NOT BEING MURDERED.

YOU'RE BEING KNIGHTED.

HEY...

...THIS...

...HURTS!

YESSSS. LET MY DARK MAGICKS TRANS-FORM YOU.

HOLD ON! I CAN STOP THIS.

NO. THIS IS ***BAD.*** GET OUT OF HERE.

NOW! BEFORE-- ***ARRRGHHH!***

RUN, ZATANNA!

RUN!

YOUR JOURNEY TO A ***BETTER LIFE*** IS NEARLY COMPLETE.

YOU'VE BECOME A ***LORD OF ROT AND RUIN.***

I CHRISTEN THEE...

...THE RUSTBRINGER!

NEWEST OF THE ORDER OF SLEEPLESS KNIGHTS!

NOW GO FORTH AND BRING ZATANNA INTO OUR FOLD!

NEXT: DETNUH YB NAMTOBOR!

IT'S NOT JUST A DREAM!

KNIGHT TERRORS: POISON IVY

TRAPPED IN SUBURBAN HELL!

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SELINA'S TERRIFYING ROAD TO REDEMPTION!

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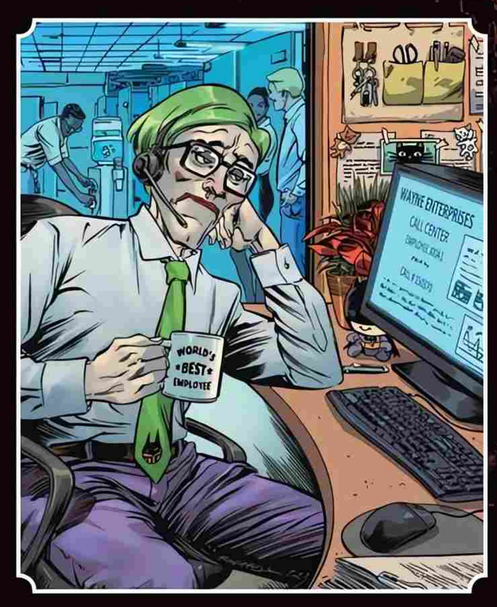
THE JOKER'S WORST NIGHTMARE: A DAY JOB!



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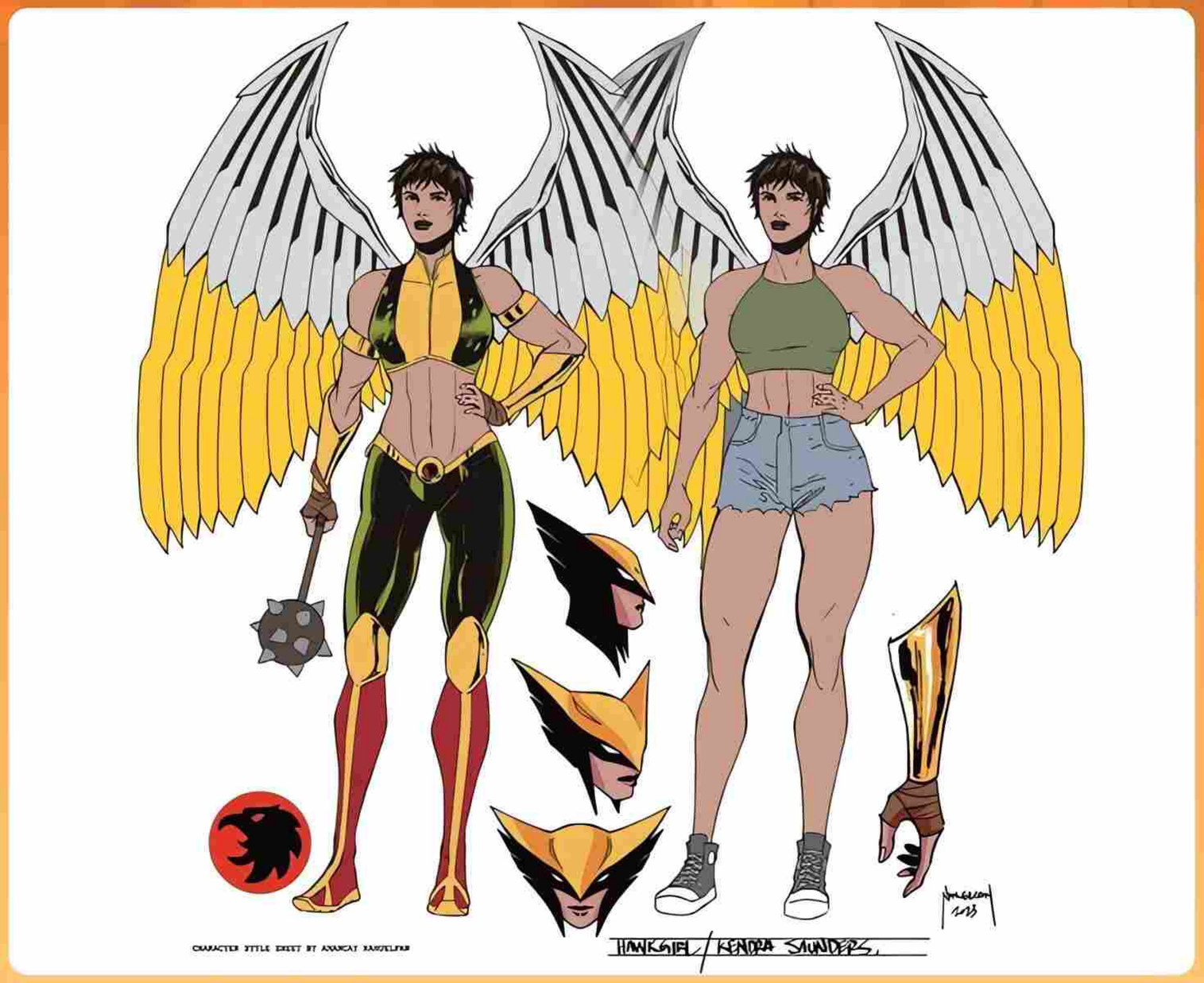
DC NATION SPOTLIGHT ON

HAWKGIRL

It's been a very long time—more than 15 years!—since Kendra Saunders got the solo spotlight, but that drought ends this July with *Hawkgirl* #1, part of the yearlong Dawn of DC storytelling initiative. The six-issue series is written by Jadzia Axelrod and drawn by Amancay Nahuelpan, and sees Hawkgirl relocating to Metropolis for a fresh start—naturally, she's barely settled into her new surroundings when she's targeted by a mysterious new villain named Vulpecula.

Speaking of Vulpecula, we've opened up Nahuelpan's sketchbook to share his character design for this new antagonist, along with his take on Hawkgirl herself and Galaxy—the hero introduced by Axelrod and artist Jess Taylor in DC young adult graphic novel *Galaxy: The Prettiest Star*—who makes her mainline DC Universe debut in the pages of *Hawkgirl*!

DON'T MISS *HAWKGIRL* #1, ON SALE IN JULY!



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